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### CHAPTER XXI.

"Lahoma of Oklahoma."

WILLOCK waited in patience till Bill Atkins had exhausted himself. "I ain't saying nothing," he explained to Wilfred, "because he ain't pious to reason and it does him good to get that out of his system."

"Let me make a suggestion," exclaimed Wilfred suddenly.

Willock looked at him suspiciously. "If it ain't counter to my plans—"

"It isn't. It's this: Suppose we drop the subject till tomorrow. It won't hurt any of us to sleep on it, and I know I'd enjoy another night with you, as in the old days."

"I'm willing to sleep on it out of friendship," Willock conceded unwillingly. "Though I'd rest easier on a bed in the jail. There never was no bird more crazy to get into a cage than I am to be shut up. But as to the old days, they ain't none left. Them depts is in the dugout; they're in the cabin I built for Lahoma; they think they own our cave. Well, they're no place left for me. Life wouldn't be nothing crawling and slinking up here in the rocks. Life wouldn't be nothing to me without Lahoma. I'd give a pretty chance for happiness now wouldn't I, sitting up some where with Bill Atkins? I ain't saying I mightn't get out of this country and find a safe spot where I could live free and disposed with an old renegade like him that nobody ain't after and ain't a-caring whether he's above ground or in kingdom come. But I couldn't be with Lahoma. I'm under ban."

"If you were on my farm near Oklahoma City," Wilfred suggested, "and Lahoma and I lived in the city you could often see her. I'd tell you nobody'd molest you, nobody'd know you. That's what I've been planning. You could look after the farm, and Bill could go back and forth. As soon as the news comes that Red Feather killed Gled were it'll be taken for granted that he killed Red Kimball and attacked the stage. You'll be cleared of all that and nobody will want you arrested."

Willock rose. "Are we going to sleep on this or shall I answer you now?" he demanded fixedly.

Wilfred hastily asked for time.

They passed the night in the mountain top. But Willock had spoken truly—there were no old days. The one subject forbidden was the only subject in their minds. All attempts at reminiscence, at irrelevant anecdotes, were mere pretense. The fact that Wilfred and Lahoma were now married seemed as if they were years and years in the past.

The next morning they had breakfast in the gray dawn and departed for the town. Brick Willock was determined to yield himself to the power of the law. Lahoma had gone out of his life, and he cared little as to what happened to him.

In oppressive silence they skirted Turtle Hill and emerged from the horizon, finding in a sheltered nook the three ponies that Wilfred had provided at nightfall. He had hoped to the last that Willock could be prevailed on to alter his decision, and even while riding away toward Mangum he argued and coaxed. But it was in vain, and as they clattered up to the hotel veranda Willock was searching the crowd for a glimpse of the sheriff.

The street was unusually full for that time of night. Some topic of engaging interest seemed to engage all minds until Willock's figure was recognized; then, indeed, he held the center of attention. Men gathered eagerly, curiously, but without the hostility they would have displayed had not a message regarding Red Feather reached the town. Brick was still an outlaw, to be sure, but whatever crimes he had committed were unknown, hence unable to react on the imagination. The surviving friend of Red Kimball, giving up his efforts against Willock on the liberation of Bill, had left the country, harmless without his leader.

Conversation which had been loud and excited, eager calls from street corners that had punctuated the many tangled arguments and exposition, died down to silence. There was a forward movement of the men, not a rush, but a visionary swirl of the human tide pushing toward the steps of the hotel. The two policemen hurried side by side. Wilfred and Lahoma stepped upon the unpainted floor of the veranda, and

Wilfred had sprung lightly to the floor. "I'll just keep on my horse," muttered Bill, resting one leg stiffly over the pommel. "I can't get up as I used to, and I expect to stay with ya, Brick, to the jail door."

Willock did not turn his shaggy head to answer. He had seen the sheriff at the other end of the piazza, and he made straight for him, not even descending to a grin when the other, mistaking his intentions, whipped out his revolver.

"Put it up, pard," Brick said gruffly. "When you come to me in the cave a few years ago I give you a warm welcome, but now I ain't a-come to you, I'm a-come to the law. Where's that there warrant?"

The crowd that had been listening to the sheriff's discourse before the arrival of the highwayman scattered at sight of the drawn weapon, all except Lahoma.

"Brick!" she cried. "Oh, Brick, Brick!"

There was something in her voice he could not understand, but he dared not turn to examine her face. He could not trust himself if he once looked at her.

"Get out your warrant," he cried savagely, "and get it out quick if you want me!" His great breast heaved with the conflict of powerful emotions.

"I'm sure sorry to see you, old man," Mizoo declared. "We know Red Feather done what we was charging up against you, but I guess there's no other course open to me. As my aunt used to say (Miss Sue of Missouri) 'I got a duty—do it I must.'"

He thrust his hairy hand into his bosom and drew forth the fateful paper.

Lahoma laughed. "Read it, Mizoo; read it aloud—read all of it!" she cried gleefully.

Wilfred looked at her, bewildered. The crowd stared also, knowing her love for Brick, therefore dazed at the sound of mirthful music. Brick turned his head at last. He looked also, not reproachfully, but with a question to his hard, stern eyes.

Mizoo turned red. "Well, yes, I'll read it," he said defiantly. "Sure! I guess as sheriff of Greer county I'll make shift to get through with it alive."

He began to read slowly, doggedly. Brick, without movement save for the heaving of his bosom, facing him with a mingling on his face of supreme defiance for the reader and superstitious awe for the legal instrument.

"That's all," Mizoo said at last announced. "You'll have to come with me, Willock."

"Hold on!" came voices from the crowd. During the reading they had been watching Lahoma, and her expression promised more than fruitless laughter. "Hold on, Mizoo! Lahoma's got something up her sleeve!"

Lahoma spoke clearly, that her voice might carry to the confines of the crowd. "Mizoo, I think you read in that warrant 'bonds of Greer state of Texas?' Didnt you?"

"That's what I done. Here's the words."

"But, you see," returned Lahoma, "that warrant's no good!"

Mizoo stared at her, bewildered. He explained, voiceless, to the crowd the meaning of his purpose.

The crowd instantly caught her meaning; a shout rose, shrill, tumultuous, broken with laughter. She had reminded them of the subject which a short time ago had engaged all minds.

"It's no good," cried Lahoma triumphantly. She took it from Mizoo's lax fingers and deliberately tore it from top to bottom.

"I guess I'm something old, sure enough," said Bill. "This is beyond me."

Wilfred looked at Lahoma questioningly. Brick, stupefied by violence done that sacred instrument of civilization, stood rooted to the spot.

Mizoo was grinning now. "You see," he explained, "word come today that the supreme court has at last turned in its decision. Prairie Dog Fork is now Red River, and Red River is only the North Fork of Red River—and that means that Greer county don't belong to Texas and never did belong to her, but is a part of Oklahoma."

"And you'll never have an Oklahoma writ served on you," cried Lahoma. "Not while I'm living! And you'll go with us to our farm and live with us, you and Bill and—"

Lahoma had expected to be very calm and logical, for she knew she had all the advantage on her side. But when she saw the change in Brick's eyes she forgot her rights; she forgot all that watching crowd; she forgot even Wilfred, and with a spring she was in Brick's arms, sobbing for joy.

He tried to say something about her Boston kin, but he could not express the thought coherently, for, giant as he was, he was sobbing too.

"If there's ever a meeting," she said between tears and laughter, "the east will have to come to the west."

"Those Boston folks," cried Bill, with a sudden upheaval of unwonted humor, "can simply go to—beans! I'm a-getting down," he added, cautiously lowering himself from his pony. "I guess I'm in this too."

"You're in it," growled Brick, "but you're on the outside. Don't come no nearer." He stroked the head that rested on his breast, his great hand moving with exceeding gentleness. He gazed over her brows glory at the sympathetic crowd.

"Follows," he cried, "just look what I've raised!"

"Boys," exclaimed Mizoo, "what do you say? Let's give them cheers for Lahoma!"

Wilfred's voice cut across the last word, grand and happy. "Make it Lahoma of Oklahoma!"

### J. O. RICHARDS FOR ASSESSOR.

Artesia, N. M., Jan. 26, 1916.  
To the Editor, The Carlsbad Current, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Last week I announced my candidacy for Assessor for Eddy county, New Mexico, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held in this county.

I wish now to make a statement regarding my said announcement.

My friends have insisted upon my running for this office and believing that I can equitably and fairly discharge the duties thereof, I have consented to run and have accordingly announced my said intention in the papers of this county.

I believe that the question of taxation is the most important question concerning the welfare and prosperity of our people. An equitable and just rendition and assessment of all property is necessary to the end that all may be fairly treated and no enemies punished or friends rewarded.

If I am elected I will enter the office of the county assessor with a firm determination to treat everyone fairly and not over tax any one for a show and then rebate, by court decree, their said taxes.

I have given this matter careful and earnest thought and entered this campaign fully realizing the people's needs. But I believe the people should know something of me. Therefore, a brief history of my career may not be out of place.

I was born in San Saba county, Texas, in 1874, where I resided until I moved to Eddy county, New Mexico, county which borders on Mexico a telegram, saying:

seventeen years ago. I was educated in the public schools of San Saba county and married Miss Lela Gage, the daughter of the Reverend J. C. Gage, at Roswell, February 26th, 1902.

I have two children and all of us reside at Artesia.

During my residence in Eddy county, I have lived at Hope and Artesia, but in the latter place for the last eleven years, where I have been engaged in the blacksmithing business and which business I am now engaged in.

So much for the personal side of my career, except that I have always been a loyal Democrat supporting the nominees of the party.

I have been and am now giving the question of taxation careful study and will from time to time furnish the people, through the press, with my views regarding the same.

Any one is at liberty to address me communications, either directly or through the papers, and I will take pleasure in answering the same.

I want to thank you, in advance, for giving this letter space in your valuable paper, and say I am sending a free letter to the other papers of this county in which I have announced my candidacy.

Very truly yours,

J. O. RICHARDS,

Democratic candidate for assessor of Eddy county, New Mexico.

MISSOURI ADVERTISER PUTS PAPERS TO TEST.

Some time ago the papers at Bonne Terre, Mo., carried a page advertisement for a local firm that was certainly a novel one, and one that other publishers might well copy—especially those having a competitive paper in their town, yet feeling sure their own paper gives greatest value to the advertiser. The page used by the publisher mentioned was gotten up by an advertiser who was determined to ascertain what paper paid best as an advertising medium, and he had worked out a plan that certainly gave him this information in a form that could not be disputed. It was an entire page of coupons—48 in all, each one advertising a certain article and the coupon in which each article was advertised was worth a certain sum toward the purchase of that article. For instance one of the coupons read:

"This coupon is worth \$2.65 in cash. With it you can buy this week a \$15 brass bed for \$12.65." Another: "This coupon is worth 2c in cash. With it you can buy this week 10c dress gingham for 8c per yard," and so on throughout the entire forty-eight coupons, each of which was made by use of brass rule. At the head of the page the advertiser had stated, positively, that the coupons must be clipped, brought to the store, and turned in at their face value when any one of the advertised articles was purchased. Every coupon carried, down in the lower right-hand corner, an initial indicating the paper it had carried in the Star had an "S" in the corners mentioned, and those in the other papers carried a letter that would show the advertiser from what paper the customer had clipped his coupons. After the sale, it was very easy for the advertiser to sort the coupons and give each paper the credit due it for the returns it had brought.

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### PUPILS PROMOTED.

List of promotions for the Carlsbad schools at the beginning of the second semester, January 17, 1916:

Pupils entering the first grade: Wayne Beckett, Harvey Cobb, Leola Crawford, Clarence Cooper, Leland Reeve, Marguerite Pickens, James Schultz, Robert Hunsick, Allen Jordan, Horace Tomlinson, Evelyn Pitchford, Gladys Seavey.

Pupils promoted from 1st A to 2B: Vernon Acree, Bernice Adkins, Mary E. Bartlett, Pauline Campbell, Helen Clark, Lyndall Cudd, Harold Dickson, Delbert Hubbard, Tom Kindel, Florence Mitchell, Hirschel McCullough, Katie Pope, John Roberts, Bessie Shannon, Vera Sizemore, Joe Srone, Lola Taylor, Garrett Thomas, Bernice White Hart Wright.

Pupils promoted from 1B to 1A: Leola Crawford, Lena Dickson, Dorothy Dillard, Josephine Fealer, Dorothy Flaherty, Cecile Gordon, Irma Linn Grantham, Edith Herring, Ruth Hoose, Muriel Hutchings, Dorothy Merchant, Lucile Morris, Alma Nixon, Louise Oliver, Marguerite Pickens, Gertrude Slesse, Agnes Thorne, Louise Weldon, Robert Bell, Elmer Brockman, Dick Campbell, Harvey Cobb, Wallace Duke Glenn Hamblen, Francis Horne, Douglas Jones, Leland Reeve, Preston Robb, Richard Sands, George Williams Herbert Ziegler, Paul Barkley, Ledger Beckett, Charles Butler, John Zimmerman, Billie Zimmerman.

Pupils promoted from grade 2B to 2A: Edna Calvani, Mattie Cobb, Jim Craft, John Crozier, Douglas Duncan, Evelyn Farrell, Brantley Hamblin, Clifford Hiler, Jasper Jones, Lillian Kirkpatrick, Newton Lamb, Wardie Leck, Gertrude Larton, Crvest Ohnemus, Inez Pipkin, William Polk, Wesley Puc, Alice Quirey, Max Rackley, Hersall Simpson, Luch Slesse, Jean Smith, Barbara Smith, Frankie Stetson, Ardrie Mae Stokes, Joe Toffelmire, Carlos Tomlinson, Jove Weaver, Fred Weldon, Christine Ziegler.

Pupils promoted from 2A to 3B: Winfred Atkins, Lucile Bell, Opal Birntrough, Sibyl Campbell, Julia Clark, Kenneth Davis, Katherine Dean, Virginia Dudley, Frances Jay Foster, Hazel Hamilton, Ira Kluths, David Knott, Kate Love, Daisy Mitchell, Louise Moore, Aileen Reeve, Florence Seavey, Mary Simpson, Harvey Shannon Marjorie Snow, W. C. Stevenson, William Stone, Otto Warren, Wesley Wheeler.

Pupils promoted from 3B to 3A: Myrtle Adkins, Callie Bartlett, Noel Besing, Gladys Carder, William Dean, Fern Foote, Eddie Harrison, Marian Hoose, Ruby Huts, Caroline Kircher, Sam Love, Wathan McCollum, Lawler Nelson, Thelma Nevinger, Fred Ohnemus, Preston Oliver, Robert Pond, Edith Roberts, Mildred Roscoe, Boyd Sizemore, Ivy Stetson, James Wallace, Paul Wersell, Mary Whitehead, Josephine Williams.

Pupils promoted from 3A to 4B: Boegline, Nellie Chilcoat, Yula Crawford, Le Roy Crozier, John Eaker, Floyd Everett, Tat Farrell, Katherine Fealer, Laverna Hiler, Jay B. Luck, Virginia Mitchell, Randle Pipkin, Thomas Pope, William Ralph, Glen Shannon, Jenkins Stetson, Alice Walter, Inez Warren, Frances Weaver, Billy Weldon, Avanel Wright.

Pupils promoted from 4B to 4A: James Collins, Juanita Cudd, Mita Crawford, Mary Jane Dean, Carl Gordon, Lewis Gordon, Tom Farrell, Eunice Herring, Patsey Higgins, Willis Moore, William Mudgett, Mildred Rackley, Alta Simpson, Eva Thomas, Sue Ussery, Wallace Vest, Gladys Summerfield, Robert Ohnemus, Velma Nixon, Evelyn McIntosh, Jasper Everett, Orville Bell, Fletcher Rascoe.

Pupils promoted from 4A to 5B: Sylvester Bell, Hazel Anderson, Grace Bearup, Bonnie Bell, Pearl Butcher, Walter Beach, Gerald Carder, Henrietta Dilley, Marian Fuller, Donna Harrison, Wilford Rohmer, Mary Thayer, Isabelle Smith, Wallace Thorne, Eugene Ward, Corinne Weldon, Mildred Ziegler, Leona Brockman, Harold Toffelmire, Noel Everett, Russell Crawford, Dorothy Dudley.

Pupils promoted from 5B to 5A: John Armstrong, Chester Burch, Mary Causey, Eleanor Flowers, Lyman Hyatt, Boon Kindel, F. E. Little, Ida Pearl Morris, Adele Ohnemus, Lucile Pond, Arthur Puc, Garry Steinbach, Millard Spurlock, Grace Whitehead, Zeta Williams.

Pupils promoted from 5A to 6B: Elizabeth Albritton, Stanley Blocker, Thelma Beckett, Roy Cox, Edward Crocie, Francis Etter, Goldie Grubaugh, Glenwood Jackson, Elsie Kircher, Nine Thirty Lovejoy, Virgil McCollum, Velma Pipkin, Christine Peterson, Ethel Pipkin, John Lewis, Paul Redmon, John Rackley, Mitchell Stetson, George Thomas, Martha Williams, Christine Walterscheid, Ruth Wersell.

Pupils promoted from 6B to 6A: William Wheeler, William Redmon, Catherine Purdy, Barney Jenkins, Beulah Nixon, Viola Simpson, Lois Little, Vern Winzenread, Diberrell Pate, Claude Brown, Doudley Usery, Donald Dudley, Wilfrid Brockman, Ruth Farrell, Leola Robinson, Ned White, Mildred Hall, Helene Moritz.

Pupils promoted from 6A to 7B: August Boegline, Clemmie Mae Chilcoat, Connis Mae Chilcoat, Isora Puc, Clyde Duncan.

The classes in the seventh and eighth grades were divided each into an A and B division to give better facilities for instruction and to reduce the size of the classes in these grades which had become too large for best results in instruction. One new teacher has been employed to meet the needs of these two grades and the prospects for the second semester are most encouraging. By the plan as now being worked out, students who fail in his or her grade at the end of a year, need only to lose one semester's work instead of being held back a whole year as was the case before these classes were divided. In the high school, most of the subjects began at the beginning of the year were whole year subjects, consequently no promotions will take place until at the end of the school year.

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### STOCKMEN'S LOAN COMPANY.

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 26.—At one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the kind ever held in New Mexico, the Stockmen's Guaranty Loan company perfected its organization and announced the company ready for business, at a meeting of the stockholders held in the company's building here on Saturday and attended by prominent stock growers from almost every county in the state. Leading stockmen all over New Mexico have become interested in the new company and more than \$350,000 of its authorized capital stock of \$500,000 was represented at the organization meeting. W. C. Oestreich, head of the organizing forces, was unanimously elected president, and in fact every action of both stockholders and directors, was a unanimous one.

In announcing the result of the stockholders' meeting, it was stated that the meeting marked the close of the company's stock selling operations. No more treasury stock will be sold and the stock books were ordered closed. This means that organization of one of the most important co-operative associations of stockmen over perfected in the west is complete and the concern ready for business.

In addition to Mr. Oestreich, the following officers were chosen:

First vice president, E. T. Chase, Albuquerque; second vice president, C. W. Walker, Roswell; third vice president, J. C. Neafus, Las Vegas; secretary and treasurer, N. M. Bryant, Albuquerque.

Following is the first board of directors: W. L. Batson, Endee; C. W. Walker, Roswell; G. T. Littlefield, Ken na; Hugh Anderson, Willard; G. Z. Finley, Carrizozo; W. J. Wamel, Deming; August Kihne, Reserve; F. W. Nations, Ima; J. O. Neafus, Las Vegas; W. C. Oestreich, N. M. Bryant, E. T. Chase, V. P. Harrington, Pedro Arrese and L. J. Oestreich, Albuquerque.

The following, including stock growers from almost every county in New Mexico, were elected as an advisory council to the board of directors, whose aid will be enlisted in the company's operations in their respective districts:

John C. Ealy, Puerto; Malecio Apodaca, San Antonio; Perry C. Brite, Las Vegas; C. M. Bruton, Duncan, Arizona; A. W. Colbaugh, Corona; J. N. Childers, Thoreau; Frank G. Casados, Clayton; Henry Cady, Dunden; J. V. Causey, Albuquerque; M. U. Finley, Roswell; Charles W. Fairweather, Lovington; S. M. Fambrough, Ancho; G. T. George, Maxwell; C. B. Gonzales, Clap ham; A. T. Hyatt, Deming; George Lutz, Ranger Lake; Willie Elgin, Estancia; A. A. Sedillo, Albuquerque; Julius Meyers, Lucia; V. A. Lyles, Ft. Sumner; Geo. O. Owsley, Magdalena; M. E. Sewalt, Lovington; Eugenio Perez, Encino; Chas. A. Miller, Knowles.

The main purpose of the new company, that of securing money in eastern financial centers on favorable terms for stockmen of New Mexico, will be realized immediately, it is announced; plans for going ahead with its operations having been perfected by the company's organizing heads for some time past.

For the first time the University of New Mexico will figure this spring in interstate debating contests. Dates have been arranged for contests in Albuquerque, March 25th, with the University of Redlands, California, and April 24th with the University of Southern California. The latter institution claims championship in debating for the whole Pacific coast, having defeated the Leland Stanford debating team this winter. Prof. Bonnett of the University department of economics, is training students who are striving for the honor of representing the university on the first team.

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